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POLL: Who is Your Favorite San Diego Leading Lady?

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Vote for Your Favorite San Diego Leading Lady, Presented By [Wells Fargo](#)

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Allison Andrews, Founder and Director of [Fashion Week San Diego](#)



Allison Andrews is founder and director of Fashion Week San Diego (FSWD), president of APA Business Consulting and executive director of FAB Authority. A passionate entrepreneur, Andrews founded FSWD in 2007, growing the year-long event to become one of the biggest and most prominent Southern California events, and the only bi-national Fashion Week in the world.

Jamie Lynn Sigler, Founder of [J Public Relations](#)



As the visionary leader of J Public Relations, Jamie has built the powerhouse agency with grace, grit and a laser focus, combining an exacting mix of methodical media relations, unrivaled strategy and next-level service to transform clients into brand pillars. Jamie's two-fold philosophy that relationships always come first and PR campaigns should forever speak for themselves, has catapulted JPR to one most respected agencies in the public relations travel, tourism and lifestyle space. JPR's reach now spans the globe with offices in Los Angeles, San Diego, New York and London.



Kristen Tebbetts, Owner of [Bloomers La Jolla](#)

This young female entrepreneur's business is blooming! Since acquiring her La Jolla flower shop in 2009, Kristen Tebbetts has grown Bloomers a little more every year. With a new retail location in 2011 and a new website in 2016, Kristen has continued to cater to San Diego with excellent customer service and the highest standards of quality and design. This talented floral designer, loving mother of two and female small business owner is rockin' San Diego!

Gina Champion-Cain, CEO & Chair of the Board: American National Investments



Gina Champion-Cain is the CEO and Chair of the Board of American National Investments, Inc., and the Founder of The Patio Restaurant Group and LuvSurf Brand. She has been responsible for the redevelopment and repositioning of nearly 10 million feet of commercial space (retail, office and hospitality) as well as over 5,000 residential units. In 2011, Ms. Champion-Cain developed a new lifestyle brand called LuvSurf; a San

Diego based real estate, hospitality and branded merchandise company. The Patio Restaurant Group includes San Diego's The Patio on Goldfinch, The Patio on Lamont, Fireside by The Patio and The Patio in Left Field, located inside Petco Park.

Christina Pancheri, Executive Chef at [Miss B's Coconut Club](#)



At [Miss B's Coconut Club](#) in Mission Beach, Chef Christina Pancheri is bringing true Caribbean food to the shores of San Diego. It wasn't until Chef Christina moved to South Dakota that she uncovered her passion for cooking and thought to develop her talent by pursuing a degree in the culinary arts. One month prior to graduation in February of 2013, she was hired at kitchen 4140 in Clairemont where she was truly transformed into a chef. In early 2016, Christina jumped on board the Caribbean Express to become the executive chef at Miss B's Coconut Club, where she cooks up the ultimate tiki-inspired dishes.

Rachel Hunt, Owner of [Wild Dove Boutique](#)



Wild Dove the new chic boutique located in downtown San Diego. Its owner, Rachel, aimed to fill a void in the city's boutique scene with her urban clothing and accessory shoppe. Hunt did just that by opening up her doors this past May. She hunts for items for her store locally and up and down the California coast. Popular lines like Los Angeles' Show Me Your Mumu and San Francisco's Amour Vert stock the plush Insta-worthy shelves of the boutique.



Allison Campbell, [Pure Barre East Village](#)

Allison was born and raised in Roanoke, VA. After earning her degree in Economics from the University of Virginia, she spent her early career supporting the federal government. After discovering Pure Barre as a client in Boston, Allison was immediately smitten with everything about the Pure Barre experience – the technique, the music, the community – not to mention the results! Determined to recreate and share that amazing feeling in her adopted home of San Diego, Allison is thrilled to bring Pure Barre to the East Village neighborhood of downtown San Diego and build a community where clients work to find their strengths together.

Rachael Giannecchini, Director of Restaurant Marketing [Hakkasan Group](#)



Rachael oversees the marketing departments of Searsucker and Herringbone restaurant brands. With past experience at Hilton Bayfront, Andaz, and Manchester Grand Hyatt this SDSU alum has been at the forefront of hospitality in the San Diego area and beyond. Hakkasan Group has flagships in the US, Europe, Middle East, and Asia and is well-known for their premiere restaurants and extravagant nightlife venues with names like Hakkasan Nightclub and OMNIA.

Minet and Natalie Taylor, [Dolcetti Boutique](#)



The business partners, sisters, and best friends decided to start their own boutique based on their dad's idea. They said that they were encouraged by him to be entrepreneurs. In their on-trend, charming and fun boutique located in the heart of San Diego, one could find brands like Flynn Skye, Wildfox, Mink Pink, ban.do, and Rifle with a wide range from ages 18-40. "We love thrift shopping in Paris, camping in Baja and vacationing anywhere there is an ocean. We like to travel, but we love to come home to San Diego," the sisters write on their website. "We can't live without our cameras, iPhones or Mexican food."

Peyton Robertson, Founder of [Baybird Inc](#)



Peyton is Founder of Baybird Public Relations based in San Diego, Austin, and San Antonio. With the motto "Honest, fresh, innovative and beautifully simple," this boutique firm is anything but ordinary; It is rooted in an artisan lifestyle with clients in the culinary, craft beer, luxury retail, health and beauty focused companies. According to Bay Bird's website, Peyton describes herself as a "Mama Bird. Wine drinker. Cinema junkie. Wannabe drummer. Clothes hoarder. Wanderluster. Desperately seeking hot sauce. Louisiana to California with Georgia in between. #Girlboss"



Eileen Lofgren, Owner and Designer of [Child of Wild](#)

Owner and designer of international jewelry line Child of Wild, Eileen has grown her business with a strong ethics in sustainable practices and cultural recognition. She sources eclectic jewelry from different tribes, cultures, and artists around the world but also takes pride in supporting local jewelry designers who produce strictly the USA. Eileen has gained a global social following and her jewelry has been featured in GlamourUK, Sports Illustrated Swim Issue, Teen Vogue and featured on A-list celebrities like Kylie Jenner, Vanessa Hudgens, and Shay Mitchell.

Terryl Gavre, Owner of [Bake Sale Bakery](#) and [Cafe 222](#)



Terryl Gavre has been bringing great food to San Diego for nearly 25 years. She's a partner in two of the city's top restaurants, [BANKERS HILL BAR + RESTAURANT](#) and [MARKET RESTAURANT + BAR](#) (Del Mar), as well as owner of [Bake Sale Bakery](#) and [Cafe 222](#) – Terryl herself is a self-taught baker and chef, and she is widely known as one of the city's top restaurateurs.

Her journey in the restaurant business began at nine years old, and she has shaped her own unique path through nearly every avenue of the industry, from dishwasher to restaurant owner, food writer to actress. Cafe 222 favorites, pumpkin waffles and peanut butter and banana stuffed French toast, are so delicious, they have even been featured on Food Network's "Best Thing I Ever Ate" with Bobby Flay and in Gourmet Magazine.



Shelly Velez, Executive Chef of [Pillbox Tavern](#)

Over in Solana Beach, Executive Chef Shelly Velez of [Pillbox Tavern](#) has brought retro-mod to the beach neighborhood. With her spunky personality, Chef Shelly is known for her famous sauces that are made from scratch every morning. Her most popular sauces are her house made sauces for chicken wings.

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